Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a suggestion for action.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಅರಣ್ಯಇರಾಜೆಯಿಂದ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಇರಾಜೆಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಕರೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ!

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—ಬೇರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a new question that is asked now.

ಶ್ರೀ ದಿಗಂಬರರಾವ್ ಬಲವಂತರಾವ್.—ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇರಾಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ಲೀಸು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is disallowed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಗುಡಿಸಲುಗಳು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋದರೆ ಯಾರು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಡುವುದು ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It does not arise here; he may put a separate question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹೆಚ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಬೆಂಕಿ ಅನಾಹುತಕ್ಕೆ, ಅಹುತಿಗೆ ಈಡಾಗಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಡುವಾಗ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾದ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ ಅಡಾಪ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವಿರಾ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Member was inattentive. I have disallowed the question.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I wanted to know whether they are distributing relief without making any partiality ? That is my intention.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The intention is placed in a wrong quarters. The Hon'ble Member should ask only supplementaries.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಪಿರಿಯಾ ಪಟ್ಟಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಅನಾಹುತವಾಯಿತೋ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದ ಜನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ಗುಡಿಸಲು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸ ಅಂತರ ಇತ್ತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—16ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಗುಡಿಸಲು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋಯಿತು. 17ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಮೂರು ತಿಂಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—16ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ದಿವಸವೇ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ. 17ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is one matter. Sri A. R. Badrinarayan and Sri Bangarappa met me and wanted that this matter of children's disease, a new kind of disease that is said to be prevailing in Shimoga District should be allowed to be raised on the floor of the House. I may tell the Hon'ble Members that I fixed 30th as the date on which it has to be answered. Since we were not sitting on that day, it will be answered on the 31st instant. The Minister will kindly be ready because it is a very urgent and important matter.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re :—Fire Accident in Bhagavathi Forest in Koppa Taluk.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Haribara).—Under rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, I call his attention of the Minister for Revenue and Forests to the Fire accident in Bhagavathi Forest in Koppa Taluk.

SRI B. RACHAIAH.—Bhagavathi Valley Working Circle consisting of 3 compartments each of South Bhadra State Forest and Tunga Bhadra State Forest contains almost pure Balagi Forest. This is a virgin forest so far untouched by man. It is a valuable catchment for Bhadra River. The area was almost inaccessible until recently when the Kalasa-Mala Forest Road was constructed between 1962 and 1964. An advance working scheme is prepared to work these virgin forests. It is prescribed to exploit all over mature trees for sleepers and about a quarter of the pole stage crop for electric transmission poles. This working Circle has an area of 5,562 acres.

During 1965-66 three coupes of 100 acres each were laid out and work started for preparation of poles and sleepers. As per contract conditions 1,00,000 sleepers of M. G. Units and 10,000 poles are to be extracted each year.

Due to conversion of over mature trees into sleepers, a lot of debris is left in the coupes. On an average, only about 25 per cent of the wood is utilised as sleepers. In the conversion of younger trees into poles not much waste is found.

The extraction work started from October 1965. Till 2nd January 1967, 1,217 poles and 76,862 sleepers (in terms of M. G. Units) were prepared and transported to Wood Preservation Plant, Bhadravathi.

On 1st March 1967, *i.e.* just before the fire accident, the following materials were prepared in the coupes and awaiting transport.

Sleepers in terms of M. G. Units	...	68,667.
Poles of all sizes and unpassed	...	10,050.

On 2nd March 1967, the fire started in the large stretch grassy blank adjoining the sleeper coupes at about 11-30 A.M.

The fire has spread into the sleeper working area of 1966 owing to the unusually high winds from the neighbouring grassy blanks, which ordinarily gets burnt every year, without causing any loss to forests as such.

The loss is accidental and unforeseen and many huts and implements of the contractor's workers were also lost in the fire. Fortunately, there was no human or animal life involved. The occurrence of the fire and the unforeseen damage this year is inspite of all the normal precaution taken in the areas worked for sleeper and Balagi extraction.

(SRI B. RACHAIAH)

The Assistant Conservator of Forests on spot at the time of fire has taken more than ordinary caution in getting the fire brigade from Mangalore to put out the fire By 7th instant, the fire was put down allowing for the assessing of the loss. With the staff and the workers at spot this forest fire which otherwise would have been more disastrous, was brought under quick control by the Assistant Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officer and Conversator of Forests, Shimoga Circle camping there often and inspecting the works.

On 8th March 1967, the Deputy Commissioner, Chickmagalur Superintendent of Police, Chickmagalur, the Divisional Forest Officers, Chickmagalur and Koppa and Divisional Forest Officer, working Plans, Chickmagalur inspected the spot and further encouraged the salvaging operations.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Koppa under the instructions of the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga arranged for the actual counting of all available materials and calculations of burnt out materials and the survey of the burnt area. As the labourers were interested in first saving the materials by transporting outside the coupe, the work of counting was a little handicapped and it took some time.

Now after actual counting, the position is as follows :—

Area burnt as per survey.		300 acres.
Sleepers burnt :	B.G. sleepers.	18,573
	M.G. ,,	2,286
	N.G. ,,	29
	T.G. ,,	77

Poles burnt (of all sizes not yet passed)— 6,017.

The loss to Government by way of seigniorage value of the above *prepared materials* works out to Rs. 73,579.

The standing tree growth is certainly affected by hire. But how many of these trees will live the fire hazard remains to be seen. So, 200 trees are marked in a sample plot and are under observation to find out when and how many of them will die back. At present, they are all green.

Immediate artificial regeneration operations with sowings of evergreen seeds on contour trench mounds is being planned. Every effort will be made to regenerate and rehabilitate the area.

(Sri Sivappa rose to speak)

MR. SPEAKER,—Under Rule 63 there is no scope for clarifications. But I have no objection if the House desires to have it ; but it should not be treated as a precedent.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, having regard to the importance of the matter, you may kindly permit some clarifications Sir. I assure you this will not be claimed as a precedent.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Under Rule 63, there is no scope for clarification or supplementaries because it is meant for calling the attention of the Minister concerned for the purpose of eliciting information on the subject. The idea is to bring it for debate for one hour or put a question, etc. That is why a debate is not allowed or supplementaries are not allowed. As a special case, I permit some clarifications only for five minutes on the distinct understanding that it should not be treated as a precedent.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ (ಶ್ರವಣಬೆಳಗೋಳ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳಿದ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಈ ಕಾಡಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಬಿದ್ದಿರುವುದು ಅವಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತವೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕಾಡಿಗೆ ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಬೀಳುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಕಾಡು ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಗಾಳಿ ಬೀಸಿತೆ ? ಅಥವಾ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಕಾಡನ್ನು ಸುಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ? ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವರದಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದು, ಯಾರೋ ಒಬ್ಬ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ತನಗೆ ಆ ಕಾಡಿನ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಸಿಟ್ಟಿಂದ ಆ ಕಾಡಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಇಟ್ಟನು ಎಂದು. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೂ ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.

Mr. H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I may also ask one more question, with your permission, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಎಷ್ಟು ಲುಕ್ಸಾನಾಯಿತು ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಕಾಡು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋದ್ದರಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಲುಕ್ಸಾನಾಯಿತು?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—75,279 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಷ್ಟು ಮರಗಳು ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗಿವೆಯೆಂದು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದೊಂದು ಬೀಟೆ ಮರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಾಗುತ್ತವೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹಾಕಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಎಷ್ಟು ಲುಕ್ಸಾನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದು ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ವಿಷಯವಾದ್ದರಿಂದ ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ನಡೆದಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Rules require a procedure to be followed.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will give it in writing, Sir.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಕೆ. ರಾಜಯ್ಯಶೆಟ್ಟಿ (ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, 67 ಸಾವಿರ ಮರಗಳು ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋದವೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಇಂತಹ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಕಾಡುಗಳು ಇರುವ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಆ ಕಾಡಿನ ಸುತ್ತ ನೂರು ಗಜ ದೂರದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅಥವಾ ಒಂದು ಫರ್ಲಾಂಗ್ ದೂರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಯಲು ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬೆಂಕಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ವಾಗದಂತೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ. ಕಾಡಿನ ಸುತ್ತ ಬಯಲು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಬೀಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಬಿದ್ದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿಲ್ಲ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—In view of the request that I am likely to get for one hour discussion, I do not know whether supplementaries should be admitted now. Sri Siddaveerappa may kindly take action as he said.

There are one or two short notice questions relating to certain fires. Because we are sitting for one day more, namely on 31st, it may be taken up on tha day, because short notice questions should not be allowed to lie over.

(MR. SPEAKER)

Then there are some calling attention motions. Hon'ble Members must know that calling attention motions should not be in such large numbers. Just now I have received some short-notice questions. Members should realise.... .....

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I also gave a notice under rule 63 a long time ago. Perhaps it was pending the arrival of the Minister for Co-operation. I wish that matter also is taken up on 31st, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Calling attention to one matter may be taken up before the House.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That was given earlier in point of time. If that is not allowed, we will have to make mention of it in the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Some people get married and they will not get children. Some people get children earlier. What shall I do?

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I beg leave to lay on the Table the Annual Report on the working and affairs of the Mysore Iron and Steel, Limited for the year 1965-66 as required under section 619 A (2) of the Companies Act, 1956.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The report is laid on the Table.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Municipal Administration).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, Notification No. LMA 215 MNY 66 (1), dated 23rd December 1966 (S O. 5975) relating to the supersession of Bangalore Municipal Corporation as required under section 47-A(5) of the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act, 1949.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನು ರದ್ದು.....

Our objection is that it should not be allowed. We are raising that objection.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The objection is that it should not be laid on the Table. It will be deemed to have been laid on the Table only when the Speaker says that. Therefore the proper time for taking objection is before the Speaker says that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is the objection, come along?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರೆ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನು ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಜ್ಞೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವದ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಲೆ ಮಾಡಿದಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಷೋಕಾಸ್ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು, ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಸಭೆಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಇಡದೆ ಏಕಾಏಕಿ ತಮ್ಮದೆ ಆದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾಯಿತ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇರುವ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನನ್ನು ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಆಡಳಿತ